

*Amendments to the Specification*

Please replace paragraph [0008] with the following paragraph:

[0008] However, each of female screws for the screws is divided into halves.

The female screw halves are formed on the inner peripheral surface of the outer member and the outer peripheral member of the inner member, respectively. The inner and outer members should be accurately located in their relatively rotational and axial directions so as to form the female screws. Since the half-divided female screws require complicated processing and location, and high accuracy, the resultant bull gear may be expensive. If the bull gear is simplified by decreasing the screws and female screws, efficiency of torque transmission between the inner and outer members is reduced, and the screws are further stressed so as to be damaged, causing rotational and axial ~~shifting~~ moving of the inner and outer members.

Please replace paragraph [0013] with the following paragraph:

[0013] In this aspect, the ~~ring gear~~ support members has an annular recess into which the ring gear is fitted. The recess has a toothed outer periphery and a toothed inner periphery for meshing with the toothed outer and inner peripheries of the ring gear, respectively.

Please replace paragraph [0014] with the following paragraph:

[0014] A second object of the present invention is to provide the bull gear with the support member and the ring gear prevented from relatively axially ~~shifting~~ moving by simple configuration.

Please replace paragraph [0015] with the following paragraph:

[0015] As an aspect, the above-mentioned ~~ring gear~~ support member, ~~having the annular recess~~ is preferably divisible into halves, each half having an ~~of which has the~~ annular recess. The halves are joined to each other so as to fit the ring gear in the mutually facing recesses, thereby forming the support member holding the ring gear.

Please replace paragraph [0016] with the following paragraph:

[0016] As an aspect, while the ring gear has a first surface perpendicular to the axle and the support member has a second surface to be leveled with the first surface of the ring gear, a retaining member abuts against the first and second surfaces so as to prevent the ring gear and the support member from relatively axial ~~shifting~~ moving. The retaining member may be provided on a pinion shaft supporting a pinion for transmitting torque from the transmission to the ring gear. Alternatively, the retaining member may be a washer provided on a screw screwed into either the ring gear or the support member. If the outer member is divided into a plurality of pieces, a plurality of the retaining members may be provided to the respective pieces of the outer member.